

Romans 5:

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Heavenly Father, we come to again in Jesus' name, Lord that you quicken the mind, and the mind of itself is unable because it is carnal to receive the things of God, and to know the things of God which are so vital; because it's got to get down into the heart, into the soul the very life. And we pray therefore, Lord, that you quicken our minds tonight to receive those things which are pertinent in Your Word, and sacred to the believers, O God. Help us therefore to glorify Thy Name in this portion of the service by right and proper meditation upon the Word. And we'll be careful to give You the praise in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

I want to thank you for your prayers, and I know several other churches have also prayed, and I'm certainly grateful believing the Lord to undertake at this particular time.

1. Now, I want to read in Romans 5: and we'll just take some verses there and perhaps they might be pertinent to this hour in which we live. It says:

(1) Therefore (having been) justified by faith...

Now, I think there's pretty well you cannot pick up any Bible that doesn't have a margin reference for any comment on that verse, but you'll find that the King James version is quite erroneous. It does not say, "Therefore 'being' justified," as though that is the process which is going on. It is a past tense work. "Therefore, having been justified by faith." The word 'justified' is as Bro. Newell the great teacher out of Moody many, many years ago, so that's the forensic term, (a legal term) which means; that God hath declared the person righteous.

And in there we find that also that God justifies the sinner. Which means that God calls the sinner righteous, showing that there that the person himself is literally void of any righteousness himself, but it is through God Who gives him the pronouncement of being righteous. And you'll notice that God declares the sinner righteous. This is why, self righteousness, and works are an abomination. And why the Armenian doctrine is so pitiful and woeful and lacking in glorifying God. Because God declares the sinner righteous. And He declares it of course on the grounds of the next phrase:

(1) ...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

And because the person has been declared righteous, a peace has been declared between God and the sinner who is now declared righteous.

2. And again, we find that there is no student who doesn't agree that this terminology here has nothing to do with the peace of God that passes understanding that is in the heart of the man. But this is where the king is at peace with the rebels who would justifiably have been destroyed because of their rebellion and treason. Many people of course are prone to, (and I guess I'm one, and I supposed you're with me) that were very prone to blame Adam for our present position. And that's in a measure true. But there's none of us as judged because of Adam's sin, we're judged because of our own sins.

Then of course, we realize that God has made a way for us, because he says, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." [1 Cor 15:22] So, there is a peace. In other words,

God is at peace with the sinner. He's not angry with the sinner that comes to Him through Jesus Christ. There is no place where God can be angry with anybody He has declared righteous.

3. And you'll find that Paul brings this out in Romans 8: when he says:

- (30) Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: (that's to declare righteous) and whom he (declared righteous) he also glorified.

Now, if that took place looking forward to the Blood, what takes place looking back on the Blood.

- (31) What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Now watch where the peace with God comes in.

- (32) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

- (33) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that (justifies).

As 'Wuest' translation, said, "Who dares arraign me in God's court, God says I am righteous."

- (34) Who is he that (condemns me to death?) It is Christ that died, yea rather, is risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession...

Now, you will see here that God not only is at peace and cannot be angry with any of His children, but He goes to their defense in a monumental way, in that a claim against the born again Christian cannot be levied. And he brings out the fact, "who also maketh intercession."

4. So, there is no way that God can ever be angry with anybody. Child training is not anger. The Scripture distinctly says that Paul bringing that out that our parents they've trained us, and they rebuked us, and they whipped us in their own spirit, in their own anger, in their own decision. But God only deals with us in order to bring out that which lies within the spirit and depth of the individual. And we saw that exemplified in the Bride wherein Christ gave Himself for a Church.

As I said a little while back that, "I'm maybe the rottenest example." I don't know of any man sitting here is any better example than I am, but what man brings out the best in his wife being the stronger vessel. No, not one of you. If you are, I'd like to come up and have you shake my hand. And I'll present you, before God gets the chance. (See?) The matchless grace of Almighty God.

5. Now, he says here this is ours through Christ: [Romans 5:]

- (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, ...

Now, you'll notice here that the grace wherein you stand is the peace with God. That God cannot be angry with anybody that's born again. God cannot be angry with His Bride. How can He be angry at the Bride, (we just brought that a minute ago) as he says over here in Ephesians chapter 5:

- (23) ...the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- (24) Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, let the wives be to their own husbands...
- (25) Husbands, love your wives, ... (and so on.) as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, ...

That's like a husband that's so good, if his wife can't cook, he teaches her to cook, and he actually makes the meal for her. I was a pretty good husband like that myself when I got married. But now my wife has got to do it all. But, that's the truth. You can see here...what Christ has done and is doing. In other words, you might say what God has done and is doing, because of Christ.

Now, we have access by faith in this grace where God cannot be angry. Training yes, helping yes, blessing yes, caring yes, and doing those things which are vital and necessary to bring out within the Bride, or the individual what is there, that is the...by the Spirit of God.

And Bro. Branham explained that where the Word gets way down in the soul, and then by the Holy Spirit It begins to work out according to the Word those graces that lie there, so the flesh is not involved in the things that should not be involved in. Now, It says here that God is not angry with the people, because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Now, we're going to back to Romans 1: and you'll see here the wrath of God has been allayed and completely turned from the sinner who comes through Jesus Christ.

Verse 18.

- (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

And then, right on down the line, It says in 21,

- (21) Because, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither thankful; (they) became vain in their (reasonings) and their foolish heart was darkened.

In other words, vain is wicked and idolatrous:

- (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (which is, professing themselves to be sophist, or sophisticated they became insipid and that's this age where God wants to vomit.)
- (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts...

(24) ... (so Gave) gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

(25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator...

And that's in the church right today through hierarchies and the papal institution, which is going to bring about the creature worship instead of God. Like Mary's worship right now, and saints are being worshipped and every place you go you've got man has interjected himself, until God Who came down in this last days to head up the Church and to raise the dead. He's the... nobody takes time to even spit on it.

7. You know something? You know why people can't stand to get old? Because nobody wants them anymore, they're useless. Well, how useful is God tonight Who came down to head the Church up and raise the dead? They don't even know He's here. The people in this Message, are the ones that absolutely tear me to pieces and raise my dander no end, because they keep pointing to themselves, and point to themselves. That's idolatry! Creature wanting a worship and some type of satisfaction. (See?)

(26) ... God (gives) them up unto vile affections: ...

You think you've seen anything yet amongst us? I've mentioned a few things that take place. Let's read what the Bible says.

(26) ... vile affections: women (changing) natural use (in) that which I s against nature:

(27) ... likewise, also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

You don't believe that's right, study your statistics on venereal diseases.

(28) ... they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (and) God gave them reprobate mind(s), ...

You know that can be right today. God's right here having come down, veiled in a Pillar of Fire, making manifest that He's the Head of the Church. And don't even give Him time, and literally spit on Him as it were. What's it going to do to people? Well, it's got me so nervous I could go plumb through the roof. You people tonight, you think that my major problems is my arthritis. It is not that, I'm so desperate inside ready to blow my stack. Literally I'm ready to commit suicide, because I'm so fed up with what goes on. And I can't reach out and find it as it were. Like a man grasping for a door knob in the dark... and not even a door to reach. I'm not kidding you.

There's a lack of understanding. You think that this is going to go on forever, reprobate mind? I'm going to tell you, there's only one place a person can turn to when they get that far, and that is the sensual activity, the body which goes to a place where there isn't any limit. The Bible says so.

8. Just like in Germany when the Russians walked in East Germany, the Germans promised that they'd get the staff out. I read this right in the Veterans Magazine which doesn't tell lies. And in

there when they didn't get the staff out, and the German hierarchy all left, and the Russians came in, they stripped their clothes off, drank booze and got into filthy orgies.

You say that's not going to happen. You're sick. You need someone to jar you tonight. And I'm talking in the sense of the principle and not in the individuals here, when the sense of the sick principle of this world. (See?) It says right here:

- (29) ...unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness,
maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, ...

You can debate this Message left and right and get nowhere. It's knowing the doctrine. It's knowing the truth. See, we're nothing but a bunch of Presbyterian's and Baptist fighting back and forth with quote Bro. Branham, quote this and quote that. But who knows the doctrine, who's preaching and understands that God Himself came down and set Himself at the Head of the Church? I'm talking right out of the Book of Ephesians. Not talking about something that isn't. That's been done in a corner, because God has never done a thing in a corner.

9. Listen, if this ministry of William Branham was the revealing of Almighty God was done in a corner, then Jesus was done far greater in a corner. Three Wise men came following a star, a few shepherds came. And a king said, "Let's kill Him before He gets to be a big fellow." A few of the Sanhedrin knocked Him down, and hung Him upon a Cross. That was nothing compared to illumination that came forth of God revealing Himself in this last hour. It was not done in a corner. The Baptist turned It down, the Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecost got a hold and sneered at It, because He said, "There's one God." And there is one God. Cut Him up in three pieces like a sausage if you want to. What utter nonsense. (See?)

Now,

- (29) ...fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy,
murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
(30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of
evil things, disobedient to parents, (that's in the Book of Timothy,
happens in the last days.)
(31) Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection,
implacable, unmerciful:

You know, just the same as I do everything goes in cycles. If He's "The same yesterday, today and forever," [Heb 13"8] He's meeting the same issues, and the issues are the same that have to be met. And if God in His righteousness and His ways of dealing with sins is identical, then the identical problems are there in the identical things. You tell me that you were in a different age than this. Now:

- (32) Who knowing the judgment of God...are worthy of death, not only
do the same, but have pleasure in them.

How do they know, and how did they know there was a judgment coming? Because God manifested Himself before the flood. How? In a prophet. (See?) And there was a little of people getting ready to go in.

10. Now, what I'm trying to show you in the Book of Romans chapter 5, that is exactly where the wrath, we are saved from tonight, and God could see all this going on. Over there in the Book of Corinthians It mentions the condition of men It says, "Such were some of you, but now you're

washed, now you're cleansed." The Bride cannot boast in one single solitary thing concerning herself. She can only boast in Jesus Christ. "My hope is build in nothing less, then Jesus' Blood and righteousness." (See?) "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

Now, we have access to Him, and the wrath of God is turned away from Bride, that's why she will not go into the tribulation. The wrath of God comes upon the world as such as this. And I'm going to tell you something: God looks down upon that Bride through the Blood. "And sin is scattered until there be no evidence."

I like said, he hit it right on the head. He never said, "O man, get to the place where so righteous man, so good, and God just stands as being, that Jesus Christ the righteous of the world. But it's now a matter of fact the Blood stands there and scatters sin. And there's no evidence of the sin, how can you have dragged a man into court when there's no evidence of sin. Or, you might get some stupid shyster lawyer, or some crack-pot judge. Like this La Bruta up here that was taking some sexual favors from women. No wonder the police force is so rotten. They're so loused up and rotten filthy with sickness' and sin themselves like the judges. We haven't got a prayer, it's going to take the righteousness of God to hit this earth, He'll hit it don't worry.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, what hit you?" Well, praise God I'll need hitting that's all. I told you more than one time, if I had to believe what some people believe, I'd sooner go to hell and burn and get it over with. I preach her tough, but it's the only thing is a tough Gospel. God's got a tough Gospel what Jesus Christ did.

11. It is imputed to us therefore, God is at peace with a Bride today. Sin on every hand and degradation. I like what Bro. Branham saw, mentioned more than one time, it gets more and more into us to lead us. And he saw that woman and she looks so horrible, and she was so weighed down in sin, and he judged her from his heart.

I was in a meeting one time when he literally did the same thing, but under different circumstances, and he said, "*Lee, I owe that woman an apology.*"

And I said, "What for?"

"*Well, (he said) I looked at her, and I saw her there with her hair cut short, and you know how they dye their hair that kind of purple...blue color looks like an Easter chicken,*" you know, that's the truth, looks like an Easter chicken. And he said, "*I sat there, (he said) I was judging her, and God spoke and said, 'I want to tell you something William Branham, she's the most spiritual person in this room'.*" God have pity, what were the rest like? I was there. I had my hair cut right, and maybe I didn't have my tongue just right. Hearts just right, and other things just right.

God spoke to him and said, "You literally owe an apology, you judged her." When he saw that woman in Toledo, he saw the circle of Blood around the earth, and God said, "That same circle of Blood, that's saving you is saving her. She's back slidden, you go over there and talk to her." (See?)

12. Now, that's what we're talking about here. We're talking about desperate things. Were the man's a wrath of Almighty God, and Jesus Christ standing there. We have peace tonight, God's at peace. Oh I know, we don't feel God's at peace. Bro. Branham got tore up, I got tore up, you'll get tore up, everybody's tore up, but God's at peace. (Yep)

You don't get a whimper out of Him. You don't get a rise out of Him either. Do you think He got upset? How can you be the sovereign God upset that planned everything and everything is going according to His Own will? Can't do it. Now, we've got access to this great the favor and the fondness of God, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Now, you notice that Paul brings that into Romans the glory of God. Not only do we stand in Him complete, and God is not only angry, but through this great sacrifice Jesus Christ the righteous, the Blood of God we stand here with the ability to share in the very glory of God. Just like Jesus said, "Let them share in the glory I shared with You, glorify Thy Name, glorify Me." And God said, "I've glorified them and do it again."

13. Now, he says in chapter 8.

(16) (God bears) witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

(17) And (the) children, then heirs; heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ;
if so be we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Now, we go back. [Romans 5:] I want to explain It to you.

(3) And not only so, we glory in tribulations: knowing that tribulation
(works) patience; (the word is literally endurance)

You know, you only get your muscles built up by working with them. I made a big mistake, I didn't build all my muscles up. I got the front muscles going good, my arms...I'd like to do pushups and that's the only thing I know. I don't know how to do anything else, so I do pushups. But that didn't stop these muscles here from going. So, when I twisted my arm a couple of weeks ago the wrong way, the muscle stuck in there, you talk about going through concrete slabs. the sweat just poured off of me. I should have worked my muscles up. Didn't care of all my muscles. Well, I'm glad I took care of some of them. But I tell you one thing: if I find out which muscles to build up, (which I really should have if I've got an ounce of brains. If I haven't gone to a good neurologist yet) I can work on them. But it'll cause pain, it'll take a while to build them up, especially at my age.

But It says here, that you know something that this process of standing in glory of Almighty God requires suffering, and suffering is brought on by tribulation, then trials, those things which come against us. As the Scripture says, "Woe unto them by whom offences come." [Lk 17:1] It never says, Woe unto them 'to' whom offences come, but 'by' whom offences come. It says: when all these things come to pass, they pour their wrath upon, and they spend their venom upon you, and so on. He says, "Rejoice, for you know that the Kingdom is at hand."

14. Now, with endurance comes experience. And that word is a very poor word in the translation. It means 'character', or 'maturity'. There is no such thing as anybody developing character outside of suffering. In other words, character is not a gift, it's a triumph. It's a victory. Nobody can have character outside of suffering. That's why you keep dodging things, you will never get anywhere. If you take the easy way you'll never get anywhere. You got to take the bit in your teeth like a good spunky horse and then start pulling with the plow behind you, pull the plow. If it's a donkey, be sure to get him to the line first. It's a job.

With that experience, then It says, "works hope." And the word 'hope' is earnest expectation. You notice there's a process going on here. The process is this: that God puts us through the rope of child training. Which is as the word tells us, it's not joyful for the time being. But it's doing

something in us. And at the end time there's bound to be sharing in the glory and the things of Almighty God.

15. So, we know and accept the fact of pressures and trials and persecution, tribulation. Because tribulation is not an end in itself. Now, if God was beating us over the head just to beat us over the head, that's ridiculous. The only reason you get beat over the head is to pound the head and shake it, there's too many pointy heads, got to keep hammering down. There's too many tough heads, you got to soften them up. Now there's too many big heads it's got to shrink them down. So, He's got to work on us, see? That's just natural. Just like you've to work on your kids. Now, I'm not saying we've have too much success with our kids, but I'll tell you, God never lost a battle yet.

Now, He's working on His children. And the working on them is putting pressure on them, so they will learn to respond to life according to the Word of God. And this pressure will work an endurance, a quality of strength, determination of going on with God. Then that will bring out character. And as a person matures in character he begins to expect. In other words, hope is earnest expectation. And something begins to grow within the person where he knows that there is laid up ahead of him as the apostle Paul said, "There was laid up a treasure in heaven, which the things of this earth cannot compare to whatsoever."

16. Now, he says also:

- (5) ...hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad
in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Now, you notice right here, that the Holy Ghost shed abroad in your heart, which is given unto you, is not the Holy Spirit of the end time, where God comes down and sets Himself at the Head of the Church. No sir, that's not. This is the baptism with the Holy Ghost. And anybody who is truly baptized with the Holy Ghost will have to pay the price of discipline and maturity.

Now brother, sister if you don't do it, God will put the pressure on you, even take you out of this world. And I get very, very much alarmed when I look around and I see that people simply will not take the pressure. I should just use the word 'training in life', because that's what it really amounts to, Bro. Branham called there's a pressure coming down, there's a squeeze coming down. And that is true, we have it. But when people do not take that which is incumbent upon them through strive and to struggle as a butterfly coming out the 'chrysalis', I begin to wonder, and everybody else has the same privilege of wondering, is the person truly full of the Holy Ghost?

Because otherwise, it's always a shortcut it's easy way. That's why always the people that come to the Word of God in every generation come to a new word. And that word as the apostle said, "I'm criticized, I'm being hunted down, they're going to kill me, because I worship God which according to my way, according to them is heresy." [Acts 24:14]

17. People just can't stand to come to this Message many times, because it's going to cost them something. Well, if you're afraid of paying a price, well that's fine by me, just stay away. Don't want you anyway. You'd just be a nuisance and trouble. That's all. There's a price to pay, anybody knows anything about church history and religion, knows positively that when Luther came out, they were ready to kill him, and they tried to kill him. And the reason that the pope couldn't kill him, is because there was a strong German count, or duke or something took care of

him. Then the people began rallying around, and he had so much power the pope couldn't do a thing.

Then the Wesleyan's came out, and the Lutherans fought them and they couldn't do a thing. Then the Pentecostal's came out, and everybody fought them. And the squeeze hasn't come down for you and me yet, but just wait awhile. Oh ho, ho, brother/sister, just wait awhile. I don't know how long, but that's just logical. (See?)

Now, [Romans 5:]

(5) ...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts...

A person truly filled with the Holy Ghost will go through these processes.

19. Now, at the end time the Father Himself is here. I would like to just check out something here. I want go to Acts 7:54.

(54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, (this was Stephen who preached a good sermon, and boy did the knuckle down on him. But he being full of the Holy Ghost) they gnashed on him with their teeth.

They just grit their teeth, and oh, they were spitting tacks. Each one would have loved to take and squeeze his Adam's apple until his eyes popped out.

(55) But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, (even) Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

(56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Now, you will notice very truly that the Scripture says that Jesus is set down to the right hand of the Throne of God. And people wondering and say, "Hey, how come then that this fellow saw Him stand up?"

And somebody says, "Well, you see, Jesus was so interested in the first martyr, he just had to get up and take a look over the battlement." I don't believe that for one minute.

20. You know what I believe? I believe over here in Revelation 5:

(1) And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written (with seals) on the backside, ... (and every right to the book.)

(2) And a (great) strong angel...(said,) Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals...

(3) And no man in heaven, (and no man on) earth, was able to open the book, (and) look thereon.

(4) And I wept much, because no man (could look in the book and open it.)

(5) And one of the elders (said, don't) weep (he said,) the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals...

- (6) And...lo, in the midst of the throne and the four beasts... (there) stood
a Lamb... (He got up.)

It's a picture. What happened once, got to happen again. Now, what are you looking at? The martyr, the squeeze. Listen, this man had the religion of God, the truth of God in purity. This wasn't any second-hand bunch of junk, this is what Paul said. Paul said, "I'm afraid, (he said) you're going to change, you're going to turn from reality." He said, "You'll take another gospel, you'll take another Jesus, you'll take another spirit, you'll take another God, you'll take this, you'll take that." But this man stood there, and he became a martyr to the true faith. The same as Paul. And we've got the picture here at the end time, when the Seals are opened, Jesus is standing up now. What's He standing up for? Because this time He's going to come on down. (See?)

21. Now, let's go back to Romans [5:] again. (I just interjected that, we'll just get going on it a little more though.) Now watch:

- (6) For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for
the ungodly.

Now, what Church Age had the little strength? What church had a name that you lived but you're dead? Number Five under Luther. (See?) That life that had gone in the grave, (the church) was now coming up under justification, sanctification, baptism. Now the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the full Word. (See?) Yet if He stood up then, He'll stand up now, because "He's the same yesterday, today and forever." [Heb 13:8] See, we're at the end time. That's why He's standing, but He's still efficacious. He's still the High Priest. (See?) He's still there. Now:

- (7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure a
good man some would even dare to die.

- (8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us.

22. Now, I'm going back again to Revelation, (and I'll try to get this together for you, you'll see what I've got in mind here) in chapter 3. He said,

- (16) ...because (you're) lukewarm, neither hot (or) cold, (I'm going to)
spue (you) out of my mouth.

You're insipid, (see?) you claim you're sophists, [philosophers] you claim you're so wise. You're insipid. (See?) In other words, all you talk of theology, and you study your notes and the Greek word and everything else. You make me sick.

- (17) (Now, you say, you're) rich, and increased with goods, and (don't)
need (a thing,) and (don't know you're) wretched, miserable, poor,
naked, blind.

Now, He said:

- (18) I counsel thee buy of me gold tried in the fire, (that's the trial of our
faith) that (you may) be rich; white raiment, (you may) be clothed,
the shame of (your) nakedness do not appear; anoint (your) eyes
with eyesalve, ... (Now, that sounds as though they had it, they
didn't have it. They had to go and get it)...that (you may) see.

(19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: therefore be zealous, and repent.

The One standing up today has the same Word passed on to us through the Holy Spirit in the Pillar of Fire, telling us though the condition of the church is worthy to cause death. There will be no death, because He stands. (See?)

Now, watch the High Priest ministry of Jesus Christ has within It and is, was demonstrated to be applicable at this time for how could any man stand in the Presence of God? The Scripture says, "You can't approach unto Him." The Scripture says, "You can't see Him." [1 Tim 6:16] And how could God come down here and not curse this earth?

23. Well, you want to know the answer? Let's to the Bible and check It out. It's over here in the Book of Malachi. "Behold I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." [Mal 3:1] "And He'll turn the hearts of the father's to the children, the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." [Mal 4:6] (See?)

He tells you, "the day coming is going to burn like an oven." [Mal 4:1] What is going to stop it? (See?) The servant is the prophet, for what's behind the prophet that which nobody can see? Nobody can approach unto. Then how could God come down here? And listen, believe me, if that Rock is not down here made without hands, the Capstone is not here I'm misreading and misrepresent everything that this vindicated prophet stood for, and I don't even know in my Bible. But He's got to be here. There's only one thing that will stop the Presence of Almighty God, destroying anybody is that Blood of Jesus Christ and the righteous One standing up there, right now. He's not seating at the right hand of Majesty anymore. He's standing, because that One came down here and stood, and is standing here tonight. (See?)

24. Now, in the very face of this where righteousness is on the shelf and sin is abounding, and man has completely perverted himself, there's a judgment right around the corner. And God said in His Own Word, "I just wipe the whole thing out." Like He said to Moses, He said, "Step aside, I'll wipe the whole thing and I'll make one out of you."

Moses said, "No Sir, you've got to take me too." And I'm going to tell you something, they'd have to take Jesus Christ, to get rid of His Bride. Can't be done, see? So therefore, He is standing here while the God of host, the God of glory, the Creator stands right here at the Head of the Church in order to raise the dead. Getting a Bride ready to present to Himself without spot, without wrinkle. See, with all this sin and degradation going on. God is not any less at peace with us, right down here today. No sir, He's absolutely at peace, everything is working right on schedule. Everything is working right on time, and the only reason we get all fussed up like I told you about myself getting so fussed up, and so distraught I just wish I'd pull the pin and forget the whole thing.

25. You begin getting... to take a look at the Word of God and see the sovereignty of God, see what He has done, and what He is doing, you can begin to have hope and faith. And that's what I was thinking a while ago, (before we were singing a song here) and I said, "Oh, my heavens here we are, just to what the prophet said, *'All the time looking back, all the time looking forward, and not even looking what's going on.'*" What's going on? He is standing in our midst.

The Father with His children. The Father with His family. I understood that many years ago now when I read the Book of Daniel, and I knew there had to be a time when the Saints were right here on earth; and they owned the whole thing, and everything was a stinking mess. And

that's right. The dead are going to be raised, and we're going to be standing here changed, and we'll own the whole thing, but it's a stinking mess.

We could be caught up and taken away for three and a half years, God will purify the earth and bring His Bride back. That's the Book of Daniel brother/sister, I to till this last hour how it was done by. I see it's perfectly now it's all in the Scripture.

26. Now, [Romans 8:]

- (8) ...God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

And God commended His love in this wicked generation right now. The commendation was so great in Jesus Christ, He could say, "Step aside, I'm just going to come down Myself and take care of it." How could God have done that without the righteous Blood of Jesus Christ, you tell me? How could man approach to the Throne of Almighty God?

27. Let's go over here to Hebrews 10:19,

- (19) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest (holies)...

Now, that sounds very good, and I like that. But notice the previous verses. He said,

- (8) ...Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings for sin (and you would) not, neither (had) pleasure (in them,) which were offered by the law;

Sure, offered by the law. And yet you know that types enough ahead till Jesus Christ came to take care of him?

- (9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

- (10) By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- (11) And every priest (standing) daily... (and so on.)

And here's Jesus Christ that sat down, from henceforth expecting till His enemies made His footstool. He sat down, but He's risen. Now, if you followed me in all the four sermons that I've preached, you know just where I'm going to go. First Corinthians 15: if you couldn't have figure that one out, you should go over the tapes again. Because I'm not kidding, not because I preach those, forget it.

28. You know one reason why I don't like coming here? You all guys want me to preach. I'd just sooner stay home and go someplace else, now I preach. I don't like to preach.

- (20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

- (21) For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

- (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- (23) But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; (and) afterward ...Christ's at his (Presence.)

Christ standing up now, because God has come down to do what?

(24) Then (comes) the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; (now, that's an interpolation, looking way down the line to New Jerusalem) when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

(25) For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

(26) The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Now, whose feet are they going to come under? Jesus' feet. Now, Who's doing it? God is doing it.

(27) For he hath put all things under (him, God had put all things under Jesus') feet.

Now, how is He doing it? The One, God Himself came down with His feet on this ground getting it ready to turn over to the Son. (See?)

29. Now, when He said, "All things are put under...It is manifested, that God has left out, which is put all things under Jesus. And when all things shall be put in order under Jesus, then shall Jesus Himself put under order unto God Who put all things under Jesus that God may be All in all.

Now, God is doing that now, that's why the Son is risen, and He's waiting to take over. He hasn't lost any power, the Blood meaning power of the intermediary-ship, or the intercessory, the power of Almighty God that's invested in Jesus. No, it's all Jesus just standing. His standing is symbolic, it's going on now! Putting under His feet! And there's a Bride coming in order. (See?)

I don't want to be fussing like Bro. Branham with the women, but I'm going to tell you Bro. Branham didn't fuss at women, he was trying to show all these years that I'm trying to show now, after fourteen years he's gone. There's a type here. There's something going on here. Women don't respond. They just go [makes a noise] sit there. Like the prophet, he came and he said, *"Every year I tell you, don't cut your hair, and don't wear you skirts this way, and don't wear slacks. And every year you're worse, and you say, "ha, ha, ha ha."* A big joke. BIG JOKE when God was standing there! It's going to be a big joke for some women too. Oh, you women, you've been fooled all these years. If you've got the Spirit of God, because you're fit for child bearing. How in the name of common sense that you bear children, when you get pregnant you submit yourself to man. Just as soon as you baby's delivered you'll snip it yourself to get pregnant again, get hemorrhoids all descended, varicose veins and everything else. That's not God! That's the nature you got.

30. You men, you think you're the head of the house you got dominate, that's a brassy bully spirit, it's not the Spirit of God. Preach it Vayle, and take some yourself. I'm trying to, thank you Jesus. I'm not kidding. You look a little puzzled. You ought to know me by now, you've heard me preach long enough. I talk fast, I talk hard, but you can read between the lines. And I'm not leaving any lines to be read between, and I'm hitting you hard tonight, straight in a line.

He stood up, the Seals are open. And the Father said, "I'm ranking everything right now, so you can take over. We're in the takeover period brother/sister. That's what had me fooled a little while ago. I thought, well, we're in the Resurrection, we're coming in, we're here and there. And God began showing me. You don't start showing me now in the Word, never mind what's in the stars, don't mind what's out here in nature. If somebody goes to a refrigerator like a Pentecostal goof-off, opens the door there's no light. "Well, that's a sign." Then somebody else opens the

washing machine (there's supposed to be a light there) the light goes on, or something, "Well, that's symbolic." Hogwash! Stars, pyramid junk, let's get that straight. It's the Word! William Branham never came here a little light in their refrigerator or washing machine and pyramids and stars and all that junk. What is, some kind of goof-off? Word.

He said, "That spirit will come into the church, you'll know what's going on." I don't claim that spirit of God, maybe I have though in spite of myself, because it's not in the person, it's in God. But I believe I know what I'm talking about.

31. I'll tell you what's going on, He's ranking right now. God, Holy Ghost is ranking everything. Putting women under the men, and putting men under Christ. Putting church and a Bride together this crucial hour. You see? Getting her ready, ranking her.

He said, [1 Corinthians 15:]

(28) ... God may be all in all. (And God will be All and in all.)

You can't hasten the day you know? This is what kind of...I don't know, just bugs me I guess, burns me up and bugs me. Call it anything you want. But these preachers come on the scene and they say, "Follow me, listen to me, I've got a great revelation." Have pity. That's not putting the church and Bride under Jesus, that's putting under some man. That's the papal doctrine. That's hierarchy, that's Catholicism. That's the devil. My God, have pity, I'm under God enough that I could have you under me. Whooo brother, if I was really under God and I could really help you, that would be a different story. But I'm trying to get both of us under God. Certainly, that's the whole thing.

33. God is now bringing His Church under the authority of Jesus Christ the Word. So that, that Word will come forth in her. And now the big thing is back to manifested sons again, the very thing I warned you. I preached wrong, because I couldn't get chronology just right. Quote the prophet left and right, up and down. Got two sermons on it. Never went off His Word one little bit, but I knew I was wrong. Something in my heart told me, I wasn't ...?... with the prophet, because I didn't have his understanding. But I'm getting it now, I can understand, what it is to have the Word and know what to do with It. And it's a sweet simple blessed experience, it's not some great big super-duper thing they're looking for it.

Let me tell you something brother/sister, a lot of us came out of Pentecost, and going right back to it too. Not me. Oh, no, no, no.

Now listen, [Romans 5:]

(6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

(7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some(body) dare to die.

34. Now, you've got 'goodism' to the highest degree right now. That old antichrist is such a sweet old boy, he'll just take everybody in. Everybody talks, "love, love, love, sweet, sweet, sweet, love, love, love this." Don't you...I keep on preaching, and I preach twenty more years, I don't think people are going to believe me. Eve was not raped, she was seduced. He never came with a great big club and knock her on the head. He said, "Hey, honey, you know I think you're a real sweet child of God. You're just a beautiful creation, but I got a little bit of a puzzlement here, did God say some certain things about you not doing some certain thing?"

"Oh, (she said) He certainly did."

"Well, (he said) such a lovely child of Eden."

He took her right down the primrose path. You know what? She's glad to enter into the act. She came so happy and told Adam all about it. And you know, Adam did just what God said he was going to do, he left God for her. He said, "For this cause, a man leaves father and mother." [Eph 5:31] And he did. God was his Father and Mother, so he left God for her. (See?) This old sweet business you know, "We'll take you through see, even amongst us you follow me, you follow Joe Coleman. You follow Pearry Greene, you follow Jackson, and you follow Cyril, you follow Lee Vayle, you follow this guy you'll make it."

Let me tell you flat, you'll go to hell. That's what you'll do, you'll go to hell with the guy that you follow. There's always going to be somebody a good guy. We don't need good guys, Jesus died. The Blood of God, let's face it, He's our Blood of God. (Yep)

35. Now: [Romans 5:]

(8) But God (commends) his love toward us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Now, we can look back on that, but I'm looking at It tonight in the fact of the Presence of God in judgment. For He has come down as He said before Egypt, "I've come down before the cry of the people, sighing and crying for sin, because it just made everybody undone the effect of sin." God have mercy the effect of sin.

Man goes out here, splits the atom, then he begins dissecting within the nature and constitution of what God placed there in the original, and he brings out DDT. As far as I know I think DDT was the first rearrangement. Is that, right? And we've been going to hell ever since physically in this world and dying.

Why little kids, they can't study anymore, they're hyperactive; they're cursed. Why? Because of sin. (See?) What a mess we're in. Tragic situation. Everything cursed and God down here hearing the cry of the people, seeing the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah, standing there, don't tell me He didn't, because He was a Moses in the burning bush, and He went right down to Egypt with him. He stood there with Abraham clothed in the flesh of a man. He went right down there and saw the rottenness of Sodom, sent two angels ahead of Him. Stood there and Sarah laughing about the promise of God.

36. "That's okay," He said, "I make provisions."

Abraham said, "Lord, (he said) You wouldn't destroy that for the sake to fifty righteous?"

He said, "Abraham, you don't even know Me." He said, "I wouldn't destroy it for ten." But there weren't even ten there. He said, "I'd never destroy the righteous." What was standing there, brother/sister? The blood of an animal waiting for the One to come. What's standing there tonight? The very One that saved us, standing right there where God comes down. (See?)

No wonder the wrath of God goes by. No wonder there's a peace of God. Maybe you and I don't feel it, you don't have too, that's His. Just like people get all caught up under Bro. Branham's vision on the tent and all. That was his vision, not mine. Let him take care of it. It's nice to understand what's a peace from God and the peace of God. For what's peace with God? Tonight, it's peace with God, because Jesus stands there. Getting everything lined up, He can just step in and take over. See, we're at the end time brother/sister. Yes sir.

37. Now, look it, if He can come right down here and not one of us get destroyed, there's not one going to miss It. Because, if God can stand right there and see what He saw, have that prophet stand before everybody; knowing that he read every heart in that building, and no man could hide. Not fifty thousand, not a million, not one could hide. Try all you want, you didn't have a prayer once he hit that trance. I was with him too many times to ever take my words back. Let me tell you flat, I know what I'm talking about.

You made one little miscalculation he'd go into a trance and nailed you down right now. What was that? The Spirit of Almighty God working through a man. The One standing there, said, *"I was just a voice, because of that One standing there."*

Now listen, that same One stood there, He saw preachers in adultery. And the one thing that the prophet always saw in any man, did he have any other woman before or after his marriage? Never once did he ever fail to pick it up. And you may get a startle, till 1958 I'm the only preacher that Bro. Branham met that didn't have an extra woman either before or after marriage.

38. You say, "Bro. Vayle, is that the great sin, do people go to hell?" Not for adultery, not for a million cases of adultery, but what it typifies, spiritual adultery. Whoring with the world and off the Word for they claim to be the righteous Bride of Jesus Christ. And here's your rotten stinking mess. Just like God said to the Israel, He said, "You sat in the highway with every Arabian. You've lifted you skirts and spread your feet for every hound dog that came along, every filth of unrighteousness. So, has the church done it. Those in the church have done it too.

You tell me you had a pure doctrine before you came to what the Word really said? You say, "God doesn't mind." Thank you, you just fell for the old devil. "Eve baby, God doesn't mind, you surely won't die baby." Will you? I keep on telling you, I'll preach twenty more years, and you'll still believe...God you still won't. Now, what's the use?

"But God commended His love." The commended love of God tonight, He could come down, because of Jesus and the Blood. Stand in the filth and rottenness of Egypt and Sodom and Gomorrah and see a church that left Him, and said, "I'm going to bring you back." Now, I don't have much love, my wife will tell you that flat. If she ever got into adultery, I don't know what I would have done now. I told her, I said, "I'm not jealous if I ever catch a man, just kill the both you, be no problem." Now, I'm not a virtuous person, get this flat. I've said it, I'll say it again, if you're less truth you're a liar, that's honest true crook. That sounds like a joke, but it's no joke, it's the truth, because I know my heart. I know when I'm right, but I don't know what he said. God did. God did, stood right there.

39. Turned His eye on us as it were. Turned His back on it. See, "Who dares arraign me God's court?" God Himself can't do it, because the evidence is gone. There's one thing that God cannot do, He cannot remember sin. "God commended His love toward us," tonight brother/sister.

[Romans 5:]

(9) Much more then, being now justified (declared righteous) by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

The Author of wrath. I took you back there, (didn't I take it?) sure took you right back there.

[Romans 1:]

(18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

That is tribulation, retributed wrath that took place at the flood, will now take place again, not by water, but by fire. Saved from wrath tonight. If we're enemies, we're reconciled.

40. Listen, [Romans 5:]

- (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

And people come along and try to say, "That man in now reconciled to God through the Blood of Jesus Christ." That's a lie from the pit of hell, It's God that reconciled. It's God that said, "I can look at what he's done, I can take what he's done. I've had my pedigree read." I don't know if I could take it or not. I found just a few thoughts, I knew it was coming, I warned you. I know what the pulpit thinks, I know It, and my kids know It. I told my wife I said, "I think I know what you think." Maybe I don't, I wish I knew what God thought. Let me tell you something: the Word tell us. [taps the Bible]

You and I can be repudiated, He was repudiated. They lift Him up between heaven and earth, the earth didn't want Him, and heaven couldn't take Him. The sun turned to darkness. Earthquakes begin to break forth, time was dark deep tragedy. But I'm going to tell you something brother/sister, it was at that time that the Voice of God that screamed out in Jesus Christ, and the dead heard It, and ready to come forth.

41. Hebrews 12: I'm not Cassandra preaching doom brother/sister. I'm a rough preacher, but I want to preach hope tonight.

- (25) See that (you) refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that (spoke) on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:
- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- (27) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Now, what's going to remain when it's all shook down the Word of God?

- (28) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
- (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

And right down here at this moment the Consuming Fire of God is here with a Bride who will serve Him acceptably. That's why Bro. Branham said, serving trying to please God, or do Him a service outside of His will. But he said, *"There's a Bride at the end time who has the Word and knows what to do with It, or she shuts up and she sits there."*

You say, "Bro. Vayle, I'm frustrated." So am I, worse than you are. You say, "I've got a lot of doubts." Don't worry, the apostle Paul after fourteen years of screaming, "I was there with the Pillar of Fire, He taught me, I know the doctrine." He said, "Hey, better go and check up."

John the Baptist, "That's the One, that's the One, that's the one." A year and a half later he said, "Hey, were You the One?" God's not going to kill you and throw you away. (Hmm) Impossible. God loves us.

42. Proved that love, just like when He came down on Calvary. Same One came down, stood right here. Stands right here tonight, He's not gone. In '57 Bro. Branham said, "He's been here for several years." He came down June 11, 1933, if you want to know the date. No man knew the hour or the day. William Branham didn't know. People stood there and saw It, and didn't know. A crowd of three thousand, thousands heard Him and didn't know. Photographs taken, didn't know. The Word told us what It was. Now, once more He Speaks from Heaven. Once more Jesus is bringing a Message, but this time It is not God in human flesh that came down incarnated, It was God, Holy Ghost veiled in a Pillar of Fire, came down used the prophet and said, "I'm bringing one more Message from Jesus, He loves you."

Stands right there now waiting to take over. "And I'm bringing everything under control." Even you people down here that you know you're so miserable, you're so disgruntled, you're so out of shape, and so disproportion with the Word of Almighty God. "I got news for you, I'm going to bring you right into subjection and you're going to be that living Word down here amongst the people."

43. Oh yeah, they're going to hate you. But he said, *"There's one thing I want to tell you brother/sister,"* (Bro. Branham said so truthfully, *"When Jesus said, 'I and My Father are one'."* The Scribes and the Pharisees all turned on Him. And he said, *"When the Bride says, 'I and my Father are one', the squeeze comes down."* That's why they haven't been able to say, "I and my Father are one." He's here tonight.

That's why many of these people who believe this Bride Message don't even know what I'm talking about tonight. But they'll know. They'll know. I didn't know till fourteen years exactly after the Seals were broken what It was. They'll know, don't worry, they'll say, "I and my Father are one." And the Vertical of the Holy Ghost, the individual become the horizontal. And Jesus said, "When they are one, even as You and I are one, they'll be (He said) the world will know that Thou has sent Me."

Brother/sister, I want to tell you something: when that Bride becomes one, they'll know God's here don't worry. Then God will be in the midst of her, that's what the Scripture says. And He'll vindicate her right quickly. Yes sir. And we will be serving Him acceptably with a godly fear for the Consuming Fire even in the midst of the people. Let's rise.

Heavenly Father, the prophet said just turn to that Bible anyplace and you'll see the Message, you see the adaptation, you'll see the relevancy. And you look at yourself and you look around and it makes you know that you've got to look back to where God is. God will see Him unveiled in that Word. Got to see Him in His Present living moment, see Jesus risen in the midst of the Throne. Maybe we think we're anxious, maybe He's a whole lot more anxious, because He's a man too, wanting to take His rightful position.

How long Lord Jesus, how long? We don't know, we don't need to know. If we only keep looking at what's here, if we only keep seeing Him Who is invisible. And He's not so invisible either, well we've seen Him clothed in the flesh of the Word. We know in Whom we have believed, like John we turn to see the Voice, we've seen the Voice. The conversing Voice, God Speaking back in ever clearer tone revealing Himself.

Lord, no wonder Your Word said wickedness abound and iniquity in, let the pressure come. Rejoice for it's getting all the closer. Lord, I don't see Abraham going through any blue funk. Sure, Lot did. He wasn't in the Election. But Abraham calm, talking back and forth with You conversing, knowing that he was righteous in Your Presence, because of the Blood, because of the Seed, because of the promise, because of the Word. You standing there, and here's a little group the prophet identified as Abraham standing, God standing there. We can converse, we can be a part of the life of this day to see the son brought forth as Sarah and Abraham were changed.

There's a lot of diffidence, there's a lot of doubt, and a lot of problems, but didn't change You, because Abraham was accepted, and in him was Sarah, Lord. We know tonight that You can stand right here as we've been accepted in the One that's standing right there waiting for the last final moments where He Himself can step down. Who once more become that incarnation and take unto Himself presenting to Himself a Bride without spot and without wrinkle, perfectly placed in rank and now waiting for the ultimate within a thousand years to turn it all back to the Father that God might be All in all. Lord, I know that's going on tonight. I know that's part of the program, part of the Divine substance of this hour. And I pray, Lord God, you know, Lord, my prayers are about as weak as dishwater, Lord, but You can help me tonight, everybody here to lift our eyes of faith that in this moment on to begin to put aside those things that are blinders of the devil.

And these things, Lord, which rise up to cast doubts upon the authenticity of that which is amongst us tonight. God help us, let that Blood and the power of the Holy Ghost because of the Blood come down tonight, Lord. And begin to tear away as never before the veil that's upon the minds and the hearts. So that there cannot only be the beauty of the sight of revelation, but the imperviousness too, that which would come against us as not being worth reckoned. For You have said tonight, He said to Abraham, "the righteous will not perish with the wicked," for I have come down to set in the Seals by My promise, My Word of this hour.

Lord, that's what the prophet taught us and we've always wanted something else as much as we parroted, don't look back, and don't look forward, look what's going on. We just haven't been true. We've been a little hypocritical, a little bit lax, dilatory, undone as it were. Maybe nauseous even. Forgive us tonight, O God. I know You have, because of the Blood. I know You can stand right here tonight, and there's no wrath, there's no anger. Nothing, just the calm, quiet directing us as You did the prophet that night in Toledo as a circle of Blood the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, Father God, we pray that we might be more submissive, more one with You than ever before. That the world may know as we come one with You, more one with each other, the vertical and the horizontal one. They'll know that You surely have come down, and You are the Head of the Church raising the dead. Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be all power and honor and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless you, let's sing a little song, 'Oh how I love Jesus'.